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Re: FOIA Request No.: 19-001

Dear Mr. Freudenthal:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received October 1, 2018 and assigned FOIA case number 19-001 by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). You requested copies of contracts or agreements with Phoenix Air and Sandia to supply their services for the mission to transport Ebola samples from Guinea to Atlanta around September 2017.

No records responsive to your request were identified during a thorough search of agency files and records, both electronic and paper. No fees are due as the assessable costs total \$25.00 or less.

All determinations made by DTRA are on behalf of the Initial Denial Authority, Mr. Joseph J. Urgese, Deputy General Counsel. If you consider this decision to be an adverse determination, you may file a written appeal that is postmarked no later than 90 days after the date of this letter to the Deputy Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Office of the General Counsel (FOIA/PA), 8725 John J. Kingman Road, MSC 6201, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060. The appeal should reference the FOIA case number, contain a concise statement of the grounds upon which the appeal is brought, and a description of the relief sought. A copy of this letter should also accompany your appeal. Both the envelope and your letter should clearly identify that a Freedom of Information Act Appeal is being made.

Should you have additional questions or concerns regarding this case, you may seek dispute resolution services from the DTRA FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The DTRA FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Pamela Andrews, may be contacted by phone at (703)767-1792 or by email at dtrafoiaprivacy@mail.mil. The contact information for OGIS can be found at www.archives.gov/ogis.

Sincerely,

Angela L. Wiggins

Government Information Specialist Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Office